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EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, DECEMBER, 1950.

The Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) has issued a preliminary statement relating to employment in Australia during the month of December, 1950, with corresponding figures for earlier months. Detailed statistics on all groups mentioned below will appear shortly in the usual monthly Bulletin.

Monthly records of employment referred to in this statement relate to all wage and salary earners except those in rural industry and female private domestic service, and therefore cover about 90 per cent of all wage and salary earners in employment. Figures quoted are subject to revision.

Particulars of wage and salary earners in employment in Australia, according to main industrial groups, are shown in the following table for the months of December, 1949 and November and December, 1950. The increase in employment during December, 1950 in the Transport and Communication group resulted from the settlement of the industrial dispute on the Victorian railways.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

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Month	Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups								Total
	Mining and Quarrying	Factories	Building and Construction	Transport and Communication	Retail Trade	Other Commerce and Finance	Professional and Personal Services	Other	
M A L E S									
Dec., 1949	53.0	638.0	184.8	285.3	131.2	174.5	170.2	179.5	1,816.5
Nov., 1950	54.5	658.9	204.3	280.1	130.9	183.6	171.8	180.2	1,864.3
Dec., 1950	54.1	663.0	202.4	292.8	134.0	184.2	172.6	180.3	1,883.4
F E M A L E S									
Dec., 1949	0.7	218.1	3.2	38.1	118.1	62.2	208.7	32.3	681.4
Nov., 1950	0.8	229.6	3.4	38.9	121.1	67.4	213.8	33.1	708.1
Dec., 1950	0.8	228.1	3.5	40.0	124.9	67.4	213.6	33.2	711.5
P E R S O N S									
Dec., 1949	53.7	856.1	188.0	323.4	249.3	236.7	378.9	211.8	2,497.9
Nov., 1950	55.3	888.5	207.7	319.0	252.0	251.0	385.6	213.3	2,572.4
Dec., 1950	54.9	891.1	205.9	332.8	258.9	251.6	386.2	213.5	2,594.9

EMPLOYMENT BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

The number of persons employed in Australia by the Public Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, the post office, air transport, education, police, public works, migration, etc., and in administration in December, 1950 was 669,200. There was an increase of 700 in the numbers employed by public authorities of the Commonwealth and, following the settlement of the industrial dispute mentioned above, an increase of 18,300 in those of State and Local Authorities.

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